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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 8, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, applicant hereby elects Species 4, Figure 6, directed to the disk mapping controller of the present invention. Claims 1, 6, 36, 39, 40, 41, 43 and 47 are readable on the elected species.

A Second Preliminary Amendment is set forth below and accompanies this election.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are set forth on page 18 of this paper.